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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 05-225344 (NIPPON TELEGR & TELEPH CORP <NTT>), published September 3, 1993; and
- (2) Fujimoto et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,035,074, issued March 7, 2000.

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